

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

HURRICANE GUSTAV SITUATION REPORT # 3 1500 Hours 2 September 2008

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SUMMARY

Gustav weakened to a Tropical Depression as of 0500 hours 2 September and continues to weaken over Louisiana while impacting areas with heavy rains and maximum sustained winds near 45 MPH. The National Hurricane Center issued its last advisory on Tropical Depression Gustav located inland northwest of Lafayette Louisiana. Advisories on Gustav will be issued by the Hydro meteorological Prediction Center.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation

The VEOC is at Response Operations with augmented staff.

Protective Action

Governor Kaine activated the Emergency Management Assistance Compact on Friday, 29 August, directing a series of state agencies and organizations to identify resources that they could deploy to help Gulf Coast states prepare and respond to impacts from Hurricane Gustav.

ESF 15 – External Affairs

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

VDEM Public Affairs staff continues to maintain situation awareness and field media inquires reference Virginia's response to Hurricane Gustav and are coordinating press releases with the Governor's Office and other State Agencies.

WEATHER

Forecast

Tuesday, 2 September: Sunny; high temps in the upper 80's; winds light and variable. Tuesday night: Clear; low temps mid 50's to low 60's; east winds 2-5 MPH. Wednesday, 2 September: Sunny; high temps upper 80's to low 90's; winds light and variable. Wednesday night: Clear; low temps upper 50's to low 60's; variable winds 2-5 MPH.

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring Tropical Storm Hanna, currently 375 miles Southeast of Nassau Bahamas, newly formed Tropical Storm Ike which is located 1110 miles eastward of the Leeward Islands moving West at 18 mph with winds near 60 mph and Tropical Storm Josephine, located 125 miles South-Southwest of the Cape Verde Islands also moving west at 15 mph with winds near 40 mph.

At 1100 hours Hanna was downgraded to a Tropical Storm with maximum sustained winds reported near 70 mph. Hanna is moving West-Southwest near 6 miles per hour with a turn toward the Northwest expected tonight and Wednesday with an increase in forward speed expected. Little change in strength is forecast during the next 24 hours.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Response Operations with augmented staff monitoring National Hurricane Center Advisories on Tropical Storms Hanna, Ike and Josephine and maintaining situational awareness. The VEOC is monitoring Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management

Agency conference calls reference Tropical Depression Gustav and Tropical Storm Hanna. An event has been created in WebEOC titled 2008 09 Hurricane Gustav. State agencies and localities should make entries and monitor for information related to Hurricane Gustav.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

VA Department of Social Services (VDSS)

Assessments are being made as to the potential for short term sheltering needs for evacuees that may enter the Commonwealth from areas impacted by Hurricane Gustav and for the potential impact of Hurricane Hanna should it impact Virginia.

**ESF 14 – Long Term
Community Recovery**

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

VDEM staff is assessing long term housing resources for evacuees that may be coming into the Commonwealth from impacted area along the Gulf Coast.

**ESF 17 – Volunteers and
Donations**

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VVOAD) is assessing member's reference long term sheltering capabilities. The City of Roanoke is sheltering 5 evacuees from the Gulf Coast in a local homeless shelter. They are assessing capabilities for possible additional evacuees.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 1 – Transportation

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Virginia Department of Transportation, Salem, provided fuel on 31 August to New Jersey State Police Swift Water Rescue Team en-route to Louisiana.

ESF 7 – Resource Support

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The Logistics Section and VDEM Emergency Management Assistance Compact Coordinator continue to monitor EMAC requests coming from the Gulf States and is currently assessing State Resources for the potential effects of Hurricane Hanna on the Commonwealth. Statewide Mutual Aide broadcasts are being sent out to local jurisdictions and State agencies reference these requests. EMAC Operations is working with Fairfax County and Roanoke County on a possible Incident Management Team (IMT) deployment to be sent to New Orleans and Saint Bernard Parish in Louisiana. ***A 15 person Fairfax County Incident Management Team and a 9 person Roanoke City Incident deployed on 1 September to support Parish EOC's in Louisiana.***

ESF8 – Public Health

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

The Office of Emergency Medical Service advised that 32 contract ambulances have been deployed to the Gulf Region under the direction of FEMA. These resources were not coordinated through EMAC. The Director and Epidemiologist from Leowisco Health Department in Southwest Virginia supported shelter operations in Kingsport, Tennessee where 300 Gulf Coast evacuees where sheltered.

ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

At the direction of FEMA, two Urban Search and Rescue Teams (USAR) were deployed to the Gulf Coast Region to support response operations. Virginia Task Force 1 (USAR) Blue and Red Teams, Fairfax, VA, deployed to Houston, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia for staging on 30 August. Virginia Task Force 2 (USAR), VA Beach, deployed on 29 August and is staged in Houston, Texas.

**ESF 13 – Public Safety and
Security**

VA State Police (VSP); VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF)

A 30 person Department of Game and Inland Fishery (DGIF) Task Force deployed on 31 August to Baton Rouge, Louisiana under EMAC to support Search and Rescue efforts with an expected return date of 10 September.

An EMAC request for a 20 member Law Enforcement Team from the Virginia State Police to deploy to Slidell Louisiana on 2 September is ongoing. The VSP 20 member team is now on hold for deployment pending further notifications from Slidell Louisiana Police Department. ***The Slidell Police Department advised the VEOC on 1***

September that the 20 person VSP Taskforce was no longer needed and the mission was cancelled.

ESF 16 – Military Affairs

Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)

A VANG Planning Unit to include 8 personnel that was to deploy to Camp Beauregard in Alexandria, LA to support response operations has been put on hold until further notification. ***A 9 person VANG Planning Unit deployed on 1 September to Camp Beauregard to support planning operations. A 4 person VANG Planning Unit has been deployed to the National Guard Bureau to support Planning Operations and to coordinate the Nationwide Response effort.***

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit:

Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness.

Next Situation Report will be issued 4 September around 1500 hours.

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